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**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, JOHN AND ELIZABETH SMITH HOUSE, 7507 KENNEDY ROAD**

To whom it may concern:

This will confirm that at a meeting held on May 1, 2024, Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

That Council state its intention to designate 7507 Kennedy Road under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance

Please find attached the Statement of Significance which summarizes the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and provides a description of the heritage attributes of the property. Notice of objection to the notice of intention to designate the property may be served on the clerk within 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention on the City's website (May 8, 2024). Refer to 'Ontario Heritage Act Notices' at the link below. The notice of objection must include the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

<https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home>

Should you have any questions regarding the Statement of Significance or the implications of heritage designation, please contact Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner, at emanning@markham.ca

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

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Attachment: Statement of Significance

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

John and Elizabeth Smith House

7507 Kennedy Road
c.1850

The John and Elizabeth Smith House is recommended for designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in the following Statement of Significance.

Description of Property

The John and Elizabeth Smith House is a one-and-a-half storey brick former dwelling located on the east side of Kennedy Road in the historic community of Milliken. The building faces west.

Design Value and Physical Value

The John and Elizabeth Smith House is a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century brick farmhouse in the vernacular Georgian architectural tradition. This style persisted in Ontario long after the Georgian period ended in 1830. The essential design principles of symmetry, balance and formality extended beyond the 1830s to influence local vernacular architecture for much of the nineteenth century. In Markham, most examples of this conservative approach to domestic architecture were constructed in the 1850s. Alterations to the c.1850 dwelling were made as part of its conversion to commercial use, but its essential form has remained intact and its character as a mid-nineteenth century farmhouse is readily discernable.

Historical Value and Associative Value

The John and Elizabeth Smith House has historical value, representing the locally significant theme of agriculture through its function as the former farmhouse of John and Elizabeth Smith, and for its association with the significant wave of British families who arrived in Markham Township in the 1820s-1830s. It also has historical value for its association with the locally prominent Milliken family after whom the community takes its name. John Smith, an English immigrant, married Elizabeth "Betsy" Milliken in 1838. Elizabeth Milliken was the daughter of Norman Milliken, a United Empire Loyalist who came to Markham via New Brunswick in 1807. In 1844, John Smith purchased a small farm on the south-west quarter of Markham Township Lot 4, Concession 6. A brick farmhouse was constructed on the lot in c.1851. The property was later farmed by John and Betsy Smith's son, John B. Smith, until 1892.

Contextual Value

The John and Elizabeth Smith House has contextual value for being physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings. It is one of a small number of nineteenth century buildings that remain in south-central Markham, and one of the few remnants of the agricultural past in the community of Milliken.

Heritage Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the John and Elizabeth Smith House are organized by their respective Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria, as amended, below:

Heritage attributes that convey the property's design and physical value as a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century brick farmhouse in the vernacular Georgian architectural tradition:

- Rectangular plan;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Fieldstone foundation;
- Brick walls in Flemish bond;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with projecting eaves and eave returns;
- Three-bay primary (west) elevation with a centrally placed single-leaf door and transom light remnant;
- Flat-headed rectangular window openings with projecting lugsills and radiating brick arches.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value and associative value, representing the themes of agriculture and immigration, as the former farmhouse of John and Elizabeth Smith, and for its association with the locally prominent Milliken family:

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the Smith-Milliken family that historically resided here from and farmed the land c.1850 to 1892.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings:

- The location of the building on its original site, facing west, within the historic community of Milliken.

Attributes of the property that are not considered to be of cultural heritage value or are otherwise not included in the Statement of Significance:

- Shed-roofed front veranda;
- Modern windows;
- Non-functional shutters;
- Modern front door;
- Rear addition.